

TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS FUND

SEMI-ANNUAL PROJECT STATUS SUMMARY

September 1, 2003

I. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY

Department of Public Safety/Office of the State Fire Marshal

II. PROJECT TITLE

Fire Marshal Information Management System ("FMIMS")

III. PROJECT COORDINATOR

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IV. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The project is being implemented to provide the ability for the Louisiana Architectural, Engineering and Construction community ("AEC") as well as the general public to submit and review plans through a web based portal; to provide the SFM the ability to perform construction inspections while in possession of the most current information on that specific project; the capability to provide the citizens and businesses of the State of Louisiana electronic communication with the State Fire Marshal's Office via the web; the means of producing quicker and more cost effective correspondence with the AEC and Louisiana citizens; and the implementation of a program that can potentially be interconnected with other state agencies and local municipalities around the country.

V. PROJECT STATUS

a. Brief Summary

All computer hardware and software has been acquired. In process of contracting for technology consulting services, this office was advised that requesting proposals through prescribed public process was required for responsibilities of this scope. This change in procedure increased overall production time, but also resulted in a lower cost for consulting services. The successful proposal specified an 18-month time period to administer consulting services, commencing on September 8, 2003.

b. Accomplishments

Hardware and software have been acquired. The Request for Proposals for services to program, install and train users was issued on June 14. On July 27, Vector Graphics was identified as the technical services contractor. Work is scheduled to commence on September 8, 2003.

c. Problems Encountered/Action Taken or Planned

The major problem has been the requirement to solicit consulting services through a Request for Proposals. As noted above, this has been addressed, and a contract has been submitted.

d. Major Milestones

Both hardware and software have been purchased. Consulting services are scheduled to start on September 8, and shall occur over the next 18 months.

VI. COST VS BUDGET

Category Budget Actual Projected Surplus

a. Equipment

Hardware and associated backup software was purchased and installed for \$219,059, which is \$167,441 less than the original estimate \$386,500

b. Savings

Savings realized from hardware and software purchases will be used to upgrade computer workstations to take better advantage of the new software system

c. Professional/Contract Services

\$880,000 was budgeted from the State Fire Marshal's budget (2003) to provide technical consulting services to adapt the software and train personnel. A contract has been submitted to provide this service for \$785,000

d. Other Costs

None Anticipated

Total Project Cost \$1,884,000.00

**VII. ITEMIZED EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS
INCURRED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD**

a. Purchase of Hardware/Software

Cost Summary:			
<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
HP/Compaq Servers	4	\$52,019	\$208,076
Windows System Backup Software	18	N/A	<u>\$ 10,983</u>
		-	\$219,059

b. See Attached

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on the date(s) noted below

RECOMMENDED BY:

OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

LA INNOVATIONS TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

Chad C. McGee, CHAIRPERSON

DATE: September 2, 2003

DATE: _____

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

MARK C. DRENNAN, COMMISSIONER

DATE: _____